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FOLLOWING REPEAT USUN NEW YORK 01785 SENT ACTION SECSTATE  
INFO AMMAN BONN BEIRUT CAIRO DAMASCUS DAKAR KATHMANDU JERUSLEM  
KUWAIT LAGOS LONDON MOSCOW OSLO OTTAWA PARIS STOCKHOLM TEHRAN  
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QUOTE C O N F I D E N T A I L USUN NEW YORK 01785

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, PORG, LE, IS

SUBJECT: SOUTH LEBANON: SECURITY COUNCIL CONSULTATIONS  
ON UNIFIL ENLARGEMENT, MAY 3

REF: USUN 1773

1. SUMMARY: SC MET IN INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS ON MAY  
3 AT 10:00 A.M. TO APPROVE DRAFT RESOLUTION ON UNIFIL  
ENLARGEMENT. DRAFT RESOLUTION (SEPTTEL) INITIALLY  
INCLUDED ONLY FIRST OPERATIVE PARA. OPERATIVE PARAS  
2 AND 3 WERE ADDED AT SUGGESTION OF INDIA AND FINAL  
OPERATIVE PARA WAS BASED ON UK PROPOSAL AS MODIFIED  
BY INDIA. WALDHEIM GAVE COUNCIL FULLER PICTURE OF  
RECENT INCIDENTS INVOLVING FRENCH, SENEGALESE AND  
PALESTINIAN CASUALTIES. SCENARIO WAS AGREED TO FOR  
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SC MEETING AT 3:00 P.M. WHICH WOULD PROVIDE FOR  
ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION AT BEGINNING OF MEETING FOLLOWED  
BY STATEMENTS IN EXPLANATION OF VOTE. THERE WOULD BE  
NO OUTSIDE SPEAKERS. SC PRESIDENT CIRCULATED  
DRAFT LETTER TO SYG STATING COUNCIL'S AGREEMENT TO  
ADDITION OF FIJIAN, IRANIAN, AND IRISH CONTINGENTS TO  
UNIFIL, TO BE DESPATCHED FOLLOWING COUNCIL ACTION ON

UNIFIL ENLARGEMENT. END SUMMARY.

2. SECURITY COUNCIL MET IN SECOND ROUND OF CONSULTATIONS ON UNIFIL ENLARGEMENT ON MAY 3 AT 10:00 A.M. DRAFT RESOLUTION AS CONTEMPLATED DURING MAY 2 CONSULTATIONS (TEXT AS ADOPTED, MINUS OP PARAS 2,3 AND 4 - SEE SEPTTEL) WAS CIRCULATED. INDIA (JAIPAL PROPOSED ADDING TWO FURTHER OPERATIVE PARAS DEALING WITH ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL (THESE BECAME OP PARAS 2 AND 3 IN AGREED RESOLUTION). NIGERIA PROPOSED ALTERNATIVE AMENDMENTS, EMPLOYING LANGUAGE MUCH STRONGER THAN INDIAN WORDING. (NIGERIA LATER WITHDREW ITS PROPOSED LANGUAGE, AFTER OTHER COUNCIL MEMBERS HAD SPOKEN AND KUWAIT REQUESTED THE WITHDRAWAL.)

3. AMB YOUNG REFERRED TO THE UNDERSTANDING HE THOUGHT HAD BEEN ARRIVED AT PREVIOUS DAY AND EXPRESSED SOME SURPRISE THAT THE IDEA SEEMED TO HAVE BEEN DISCARDED OF DEALING SEPARATELY WITH UNIFIL ENLARGEMENT NOW AND ONLY LATER, AS KUWAIT HAD SUGGESTED, WITH THE BROADER QUESTION INVOLVING WITHDRAWAL AND OTHER ASPECTS OF THE PROBLEM. IN HIS VIEW THE SIMPLE RESOLUTION APPROVING THE INCREASE IN THE SIZE OF UNIFIL SHOULD BE ACTED UPON QUICKLY TODAY, AS THE SYG HAD EMPHASIZED THE URGENT NEED FOR MORE TROOPS IF UNIFIL IS TO CARRY OUT ITS MANDATE PROPERLY. LATER, ON THE CONFIDENTIAL

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BASIS OF THE SYG'S REPORTS ON THE STATUS OF ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL, THE COUNCIL COULD DECIDE ON ANY FURTHER ACTION THAT MIGHT BE REQUIRED. MOREOVER, HE FOUND IT PARTICULARLY INAPPROPRIATE THAT, ON THE DAY AFTER UN TROOPS HAD BEEN KILLED AND WOUNDED, SUBSTANTIVE ADDITIONS SHOULD BE PROPOSED TO THE RESOLUTION WHICH COMPLETELY IGNORES THOSE EVENTS.

4. IN LIGHT OF AMB YOUNG'S REFERENCE TO THE PREVIOUS DAY'S INCIDENTS, SYG WALDHEIM ASKED FOR THE FLOOR TO REPORT ON THEM. HE CONFIRMED DEATH OF 2 FRENCH AND 1 SENEGALESE SOLDIER, PLUS A PLO REPRESENTATIVE WHO HAD BEEN WITH THE FRENCH COMMANDING OFFICER AT THE TIME THE LATTER WAS WOUNDED. HE ALSO CONFIRMED WOUNDING OF 10 FRENCH SOLDIERS. HE CITED HIS CONTACT WITH ARAFAT THROUGH PLO REP TERZI AND SAID ARAFAT HAD GIVEN ASSURANCES THAT STEPS WOULD BE TAKEN TO AVOID FURTHER SUCH INCIDENTS. HE SAID ALL WHO HAD BEEN MISSING HAD BEEN LOCATED AND ALL WOUNDED WERE HOSPITALIZED IN BEIRUT OR TYRE. GEN. ERSKINE HAD DEPARTED NY FOR BEIRUT LAST NIGHT AND WOULD BE CONSULTING WITH LEBANESE AUTHORITIES AND ARAFAT TODAY (MAY 3).

5. UK (RICHARD) WAS DISTURBED AT DIRECTION DEBATE WAS TAKING AND ARGUED THAT SC SHOULD PASS SHORT RESOLUTION ON UNIFIL ENLARGEMENT. HOWEVER, IF DEBATE AND RESOLUTION WERE TO BE WIDENED, HE WOULD INSIST ON INCLUDING IN THE RESOLUTION PROVISIONS EXPRESSING REGRET OVER RECENT INCIDENTS INVOLVING UNIFIL TROOPS, STRONGLY CONDEMNING ALL ATTACKS ON UNIFIL AND DEMANDING THAT ALL CONCERNED FULLY RESPECT UNIFIL IN ITS CARRYING OUT OF SC RESOLUTIONS.

6. MAURITIUS (RAMPHUL) THOUGHT SUCH INCIDENTS WERE NORMAL IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES BUT WOULD GO ALONG WITH CONDEMNATION OF ATTACKS ON UNIFIL. CANADA (BARTON) CONFIDENTIAL

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THOUGHT SC SHOULD PROCEED IN TWO STEPS AS AGREED PREVIOUS DAY - QUICKLY PASS PROCEDURAL-TYPE RESOLUTION ON UNIFIL ENLARGEMENT AND THEN CONSIDER DEBATE ON ENTIRE ISSUE, INCLUDING IDF WITHDRAWAL.

7. KUWAIT (BISHARA) SAID DRAFT RESOLUTION WOULD BE INCOMPLETE WITHOUT INDIAN AMENDMENTS, BUT UK AMENDMENT, WHILE ACCEPTABLE, WOULD REQUIRE FURTHER PARAGRAPH CONDEMNING ISRAELI DELAY IN WITHDRAWING, WHICH WAS THE ROOT CAUSE OF THE WHOLE SITUATION. AFTER FURTHER STATEMENTS BY GABON, USSR, BOLIVIA AND FRANCE AND ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION, LANGUAGE FOR FOURTH OP PARA OF DRAFT RES WAS AGREED. OPENING WORDING WAS STRENGTHENED TO "DEPLORES THE ATTACKS ON THE UN FORCE..." FROM ORIGINAL "EXPRESSED REGRET AT THE ATTACKS..."

8. SCENARIO FOR AFTERNOON SC MEETING WAS AGREED, NAMELY ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION AT THE BEGINNING, FOLLOWED BY STATEMENTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS. ONLY SC MEMBERS WOULD SPEAK AT THE MEETING IN ADDITION TO THE SYG, WHO ASKED TO MAKE STATEMENT.

9. SC PRESIDENT CIRCULATED AT CONSULTATIONS A PROPOSED RESPONSE TO SYG'S LETTER NOTING HIS INTENTION TO ACCEPT OFFERS FROM FIJI, IRAN, AND IRELAND TO PROVIDE CONTINGENTS FOR UNIFIL ONCE ENLARGEMENT IS APPROVED. PROPOSED REPLY FROM SC PRESIDENT WOULD AS IN THE PAST SIMPLY STATE THAT THE SC AGREES TO SYG'S PROPOSAL CONCERNING THESE CONTINGENTS. THERE WAS NO OBJECTION TO THIS LETTER. YOUNG UNQUOTE CHRISTOPHER

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